

THE PUBLIC FORUM

THAT GREEN FLAG.—I notice in Tuesday's Day Book a correction by "Switchman." He says, "yours for accuracy."

Please allow me to say, "A green flag on the rear of a train is a marker and denotes that is the end of it, and one or a pair of green flags displayed on the front end of the engine of that train, whether going ahead or backing up, indicates that another one of the same kind is coming. Yours for correctness.—A Talow.

ANSWER TO "AMERICAN."—In your edition of March 30 appears an article signed "American," in which he says: "I was asked to attend a men's meeting at the church. The priest told all present it was the duty of all Catholics to vote for Roger Sullivan."

"American's" statement would carry more weight if "American" gave name and location of church, also name of priest who made above statements. "American" omitted another name, his own. All works of art are more valuable when signed. Evidently "American" does not agree on that point.

I do not think I assume too much when I say that "American's" real name would be more convincing at the end of that letter or article than just "American."—F. D. Moore.

NOISY POLITICS.—Am inclosing a little jewel culled from the Painter and Decorator (current number), which no doubt can be given a little space in The Day Book:

The golf links lie so near the mill

That almost every day

The laboring children can look out

And watch the men at play.

I am more than ever impressed with the fact of what a lot of barbarians we are when, in great mayoralty campaign, some of the candidates resort to sending out wagons

all plastered up from which are emitted strange noises to attract the passer-by—to get votes. And the trouble is it does get votes from an unthinking mass of goo-gooes who are attracted by the beating of tom-toms.

Though a Democrat, I have no use for either the Democratic or Republican nominee. They seem to be engaged principally in throwing brickbats at each other. Once in a while something is said about strap-hangers, gas, a beautiful city and other kindred subjects, but never a word on really vital issues, concerning, for instance, the problem of unemployment, more equitable methods of taxation and the like.

What a surprise party it would be for somebody if all the working men and women would come to their senses and vote for Seymour Stedman.

Politically, as we make our beds so must we lie in them.

Stedman might not attempt to solve the problems in just the way that I might outline, but that he would tackle them is certain. That is the important point.—W. D. Tate, Oak Park, Ill.

PROFIT OR DOPE.—An opponent of prohibition asks in a morning paper what the city would do without the \$7,000,000 revenue from liquor. The point is well taken, but he fails to mention another similar source of possible revenue, a license and a tax on opium, cocaine, etc. The production and sale of these commodities would be stimulated, causing more employment and profit. It may be noted that taxes on these industries are never objected to by the dealers. They add the tax to the price, and even more.

For every dollar of tax perhaps two or three flow to the cultured few who choose to invest in such enterprises rather than acquire feudal titles to land. The same principle of personal liberty should apply to liquor or opium. Why prohibit what is in de-